

Kispert Honored at New Library

It is generally acknowledged that "it takes a village to raise a child," and Duxbury is certainly a community in which many people offer their time and talent to mold the youth of our town. David Kispert was an outstanding example of an individual whose positive influence helped shape the lives of the children who passed through his care.

Kispert taught social studies at DHS for 8 years. During his tenure he was a popular teacher and a successful coach in both hockey and football. Jack Hill, former DHS principal on whose staff Kispert worked, described him as "enthusiastic and upbeat, someone who always saw the best in people." In 1991 Kispert left teaching to devote his time to his business providing college placement services to local students. He died late in 1995.

To honor the memory of his contribution to the town, a group of Duxbury residents is sponsoring a room at the new library in his name. The David Kispert Homework Center will be located on the 2nd floor of the new library, adjacent to the young adult collection and the reference section. It will be furnished with ample individual and small group work space including computer workstations. A young adult librarian will be on hand to give instruction in library use and resources, including electronic resources. The homework center will also be available for use by adults during school hours.

According to library Director Joanne Lamothe, Kispert was a true friend of the library. "He appreciated what the library did" and helped by contributing materials and linking prospective college students with volunteer opportunities at the library.

Members of the Alden Library capital campaign are grateful for the support expressed by David's friends in this acknowledgement of his work. To participate in this memorial, call Rodger Smith at 934-2544.